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SUPPLYING COFFEE PADS

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Sir:

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DE 36 44 947 discloses that the invention relates to a coffee machine for making brewed coffee, with a water heater, a hot-water outflow region, a receiving tray arranged therebelow and intended for a closed coffee filter containing coffee grounds, a housing and a standing area for a vessel which receives the brewed coffee, the receiving tray (3) being arranged so that it can be removed from the coffee machine (1) and/or displaced relative to the latter, and so that it can be pivoted or tilted, and has a drawer height such that coffee filters in the form of a flat filter bag (4) which flexibly encloses the portion of coffee grounds (43) and with a starting height (h) can only just be accommodated.

DE 196 47 039 discloses that the coffee maker comprises a brewing head (4) which heats the water and is guided up and down in guide columns (5) in a housing (11). A holder (10) for the ground coffee can be moved horizontally from the brewing position underneath the brewing head into a filling position when the brewing head is moved upwards. The ground coffee holder is a filter pan for a filter or filter bag for the pressureless production of the filter coffee. A screen holder (12) for ground espresso coffee can be placed in the filter bag to produce espresso coffee under pressure.

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DE 36 13 119 discloses that the invention relates to a coffee machine for making brewed coffee, having a water heater, a hot-water outlet region, a receiving bowl arranged thereunder and intended for a closed coffee filter containing coffee grounds, and a standing surface for a vessel receiving the brewed coffee. In the hot-water outlet region (2) there is arranged a downwardly projecting bearing web (22) which has the shape of a closed rim or a rim composed of separate sections, in the interior of which there is such an opening cross-section of the hot-water outlet region that the essential part of the hot water flows through there, and in which, for the exclusive ability to use coffee filters in the form of flat water-permeable filter bags (4) flexibly enclosing the coffee-grounds portion (43), the clear height (H) between the base (31) of the receiving bowl (3) receiving the lower bag layer (42) and the lower boundary of the bearing web (22) is only slightly greater than the starting height (h) of the usable filter bag (4).

DE 34 32 339 discloses a compact filter for coffee, consisting of a filter housing which is open at the top and bottom having in each case an upper and lower layer of filter paper arranged firmly therein, between which layers of filter paper a particular quantity of ground coffee is introduced, a filter paper insert (2) being arranged between the upper and lower layers of filter paper (1 and 4) at the edge along the inside of the filter housing (10'), which filter paper insert does not contact or only partially contacts the inside of the housing (10') and is connected to or is integral with the lower layer of filter paper (4), and a coffee machine for using the compact filter (10) for coffee, which machine has a receiving device, connected movably to the housing of the machine, with an opening for receiving the compact filter (10) for coffee.

EP 1 219 216 discloses that the extractor for a drink ingredient from a capsule has a frame (11) with a flat horizontal section (22) and a vertical section (14) at the rear of the frame. A puller (5) is horizontally movable on the flat frame and has a recess (21) for the capsule (10) and a grip pin (18) at each side of the recess. An extractor head (4) is mounted on the frame with a cage (20) to hold the capsule. Grippers (A-d) place the capsule to be extracted in the cage.

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EP 1 153 561 discloses the beverage infusion machine has a base (16) with a vertical panel (17) supporting a table (18). A slide (19) moves on the table top to place a beverage cartridge (33) into a position for making the beverage, superimposed on guides (21) allowing flowing of the beverage on the horizontal surface. An extraction cage for the cartridge can move towards the guides under the action of a piston to allow flow of the beverage. The beverage flows through the guides into a chute for flow into one of two cups.

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